

REMARKS

Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent from Claim 9. Claims 12-16 and 27-28 have been canceled. Support for the amendment to Claim 10 is presented in Claim 9 as previously presented. Thus, no new matter has added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Iwasaki et al. Claim 10, as amended herein, is dependent from Claim 9 and Claim 9 is not rejected on this ground. Therefore Claim 10, as well as Claim 26, which is dependent thereon, should not be rejected on this ground. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Morimoto et al. With the amendment to Claim 10 to depend from Claim 9, this rejection is no longer applicable for the same reason discussed above. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 11, and 17-25 have been found to be allowable. The applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims with appreciation.

CONCLUSION

In the light of the applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersign at the telephone number appearing below.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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